

Appendix 1-- Side - By -Side Comparison E/M Documentation Guidelines

Code Component	1995 Requirements	1997 Requirements	Draft Guidelines (June 2000) The Good News-- What's Different
Hx - History of Present Illness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearer requirements Explicit recognition of medication monitoring
Hx - Review of Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific body area or organ system requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific body area or organ system requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less required Clearer Examples are provided
Hx - Past, Family, Social History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief information required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief information required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No difference
Physical Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specifically referenced general multi-system exam Description of single system exams inadequate 4 levels Requirements not clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General multi-system exam and 10 single system exams 4 levels Very prescriptive Confusing shading & bullets format Requirements often not relevant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physician <i>tailors</i> documentation to exam Only 3 levels Vignette examples No bullets No shading Minimal counting No irrelevant facts to record
Medical Decision Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 levels laundry list of examples not reflective of clinical assessments & plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 levels Laundry list of examples not reflective of clinical assessments & plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only 3 levels Physician <i>tailors</i> documentation to assessment & plan of treatment Vignette examples

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